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General Tidal Wetlands Permit to Repair or Replace Structures Damaged by Hurricane Isabel

This General Tidal Wetlands Permit authorizes the repair and replacement of structures in Private Tidal Wetlands damaged by Hurricane Isabel on September 18 and 19, 2003, in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations 26.24.01.02(16). This permit, issued by the State of Maryland for work in Maryland Private Tidal Wetlands, is valid through September 20, 2004.

Authorized Activities

The repair and replacement of the following structures, provided that they were functional on September 17, 2003:

1. Piers, docks, and wharfs;
2. Bulkheads, revetments, and marsh establishment projects;
3. Jetties, groins, and breakwaters;
4. Boat ramps; and
5. Storm drain outfalls.

General Permit Conditions

1. As of September 17, 2003, the structure to be repaired or replaced was: (a) functional and (b) authorized by the State of Maryland.
2. The configuration of the structures as of September 17, 2003 is maintained and the dimensions of the structures to be repaired or replaced do not exceed the dimensions of the damaged structures.
3. The property owner must register the repair and replacement work with the Maryland Department of the Environment, Tidal Wetlands Division using the attached form within 30 days following project completion.
4. Any necessary local or federal authorizations are obtained before commencing work. (The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued the attached public notice authorizing the repair and replacement of structures.)
5. The terms of this permit apply unless notified in writing by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Failure to comply with the terms of this General Permit exposes both the property owner and the contractor to monetary penalties under § 16-502 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Consumer Advisory

Using a contractor licensed by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission (MHIC) for the repair or replacement of piers, docks, wharfs and boat ramps on residential properties assures protection by the laws administered by the MHIC and by the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund, which allows for up to fifteen thousand dollars for poor workmanship or failure to perform work. For more information, contact the MHIC at (410) 230-6309 and toll free at (888) 218-5925 or visit the Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation web page at www.dllr.state.md.us.